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**ANNUAL REPORT**

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

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23rd. June, 1947.

MISS HARBORD AND GENTLEMAN,

The Annual Report for 1946 is prepared on the lines of that for 1945 as indicated in Circular 28/46 dated 11th February, 1946.

The Sunshine for the year was 1495.0 hours as compared with 1446.6 hours in 1945; the Rainfall 29.86 inches as compared with 21.15 inches in 1945.

### SECTION A. STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area (in acres)	...	...	...	...	...	1,148
Population	...	...	...	...	...	3,985
Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	...	37,234
Sum represented by a penny rate	...	...	...	...	...	£122
Number of inhabited houses	...	...	...	...	...	1,236

# VITAL STATISTICS.

	Total		M	F	
Live Births ...	87	53	34		Rate per 1,000 population 21.82
(Legitimate) ...		50	30		
(Illegitimate)...		3	4		
Still Births ...		0	2		
(Legitimate) ...		0	1		
(Illegitimate)...		0	1		
Deaths ...	59	31	28		Rate per 1,000 population 14.80
Deaths from Puerperal Causes, Nil.					
Death of infants under 1 yr. of age, 2 females.					
Death Rate " " " "					per 1,000 Live & Still Births 22.47
Death Rate " " Legitimate			1	"	" " 11.23
Death Rate " " Illegitimate			1	"	" " 11.23
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)			7		
Deaths from Measles ...			0		
Deaths from Whooping-cough			0		
Deaths from Diarrhœa (under 2)			0		
The Infantile Mortality is 22.47 per 1,000 Live & Still Births as compared with 43 for England & Wales.					
The Population given by the Registrar-General is 3,985 as compared with 3,658 in 1945.					

## CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1946.

	M.	F
6. Tuberculosis of respiratory system ... ..	1	2
15. Cancer of breast ... ..		1
16. Cancer of all other sites ... ..	4	2
17. Diabetes ... ..	1	
18. Intra-cranial vascular lesions ... ..	3	3
19. Heart disease ... ..	8	7
20. Other diseases of circulatory system ... ..	1	2
21. Bronchitis ... ..	1	1
22. Pneumonia ... ..		2
23. Other respiratory diseases ... ..	1	
24. Ulcer of stomach or duodenum ... ..	1	
28. Nephritis ... ..	2	1
32. Congenital malnutrition birth injury infant dis.		1
33. Suicide ... ..	1	
36. All other causes ... ..	7	6
	<hr/> 31	<hr/> 28

## SECTION B. GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

### 1 (i) Medical Officer of Health (part time) :

R. C. M. Colvin-Smith, M.B., B.CH., B.A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Surveyor, Sanitary Inspector & Water Works Engineer :

J. A. Haigh, F.F.A.S., A.M.I.S.E., Cert. R. San. Inst.

(ii) (a) Laboratory Facilities. Now given by the Emergency Public Health Laboratory Service, City Isolation Hospital, Bowthorpe Road, Norwich

(b) Ambulance Facilities. No change.

(c) Nursing in the home. No change.

(d) Treatment Centre and Clinic. No change.

(e) HOSPITALS. PUBLIC : Isolation Hospital, North East Norfolk Joint Isolation Hospital at Roughton to which cases are sent.

VOLUNTARY : Cromer and District, 48 beds.

## SECTION C. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Report furnished by the Sanitary Inspector under Article 27 of the Sanitary Officers (outside London) Regulations 1935.

Unlike the previous year the extended attempt to clear up conditions due to the war period, is now bearing very apparent results. The normal routine of the department has been maintained as will be seen from the summary of inspections and visits made during the year, as detailed below.

## SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS :

Inspections made regarding the repair and maintenance of Highway	...	...	...	...	...	160
Inspections of work in progress	...	...	...	...	...	180
Inspections of buildings for issue of building licenses	...	...	...	...	...	150
Inspections as to salvage collections	...	...	...	...	...	30
Inspections regarding Scavanging and refuse disposal	...	...	...	...	...	25
Visits to Waterworks	...	...	...	...	...	40
Enquiries re water supplies	...	...	...	...	...	80
Inspections of Council Houses re repairs	...	...	...	...	...	29
Housing inspections under Public Health Acts or Housing Acts	...	...	...	...	...	24
Re-inspections	...	...	...	...	...	24
Inspection of Food Shops	...	...	...	...	...	240
Inspection of Cowsheds and Dairies	...	...	...	...	...	20
Inspection of Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	20
Inspection of Sewers and Tanks	...	...	...	...	...	35
Miscellaneous Visits	...	...	...	...	...	90
Total Inspections made						1147

### SALVAGE.

The collection of salvage has continued steady during the year.

### HOUSE REFUSE COLLECTION.

The collection of refuse from Householders has been made regularly each week throughout the year. Difficulty was encountered in the disposal of the refuse, and complaints from the Wyndham Park area are received regularly.

The repair and bringing into service of the Refuse Destructor is one of the major points receiving attention during the year.

### SEWERS & SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

The question of sewage is another matter which received attention during the year, and I am instructed to prepare a scheme for surface water sewage for the Suffield Park Area.

This matter is now well in hand. Complete inspections of the sewers was carried out and minor improvements made, one result being that I received no complaints of flooding after.



### HOUSING.

The Housing question is still the most serious problem at the present time. I still estimate that the minimum number of houses required is 250. No attempt to clear the unfit houses can be made at the present time except that unfit houses will not be relet when the present inhabitants are rehoused.

### WATER SUPPLY.

The water supply is ample, and the quality good.

The present requirement is filtration.

### AMBULANCE.

I have to report that the Ambulance for the removal of infectious disease cases is still shaky, but is performing the small amount of work required.

## 3. (iii) SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

Tabular Statement furnished by the Sanitary Inspector under Article 27(18) of the Sanitary Officers (outside London) Regulations, 1935.

House to House Inspections	...	...	...	...	90
Inspections under the Housing Acts	...	...	...	...	20
Inspections of Nuisances discovered	...	...	...	...	24
Re-inspections to ascertain progress	...	...	...	...	24
Visits in connection with infectious disease	...	...	...	...	15
Inspections of Dairies & Cowsheds	...	...	...	...	20
Inspections under Workshop and Factory Act	...	...	...	...	10
Re-inspections	...	...	...	...	5
Inspection of Tenements	...	...	...	...	15
Inspection of Foodshops, other than Dairies and Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	240
Premises Disinfected	...	...	...	...	8
Rooms Disinfected	...	...	...	...	12
Drainage systems tested	...	...	...	...	14
Committee Meetings attended	...	...	...	...	12
Preliminary Notices served	...	...	...	...	0
Legal Proceedings taken	...	...	...	...	0
Premises found defective by House-to-House Inspection	...	...	...	...	30
Premises found defective by workshop inspection	...	...	...	...	2
Premises found defective by tenement inspection	...	...	...	...	1
Statutory Notices served	...	...	...	...	0

## SECTION D. HOUSING.

No action taken.

## SECTION F. PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

GENERAL. Number of Diseases notified (civilians only).

Scarlet Fever	...	...	5
Whooping-cough	...	...	8
Measles	...	...	28
Chickenpox	...	...	1
Anterior Poliomyelitis	...	...	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	2
Catarrhal Hepatitis	...	...	1

During the year I have received 17 Reports on Swabbing for Diphtheria and one on Urine from the Emergency Public Health Laboratory Service, City Isolation Hospital, Bowthorpe Road, Norwich.

### Notified Diseases during the Year.

Disease	Total cases	Notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever	5		5	None

### Age Groups.

Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	3—4	two, 5—10	three.
Whooping-cough	2—3	one, 5—10	four, 15—20	one, 35—45	one, 65 and over	one.
Measles	Under 1	one, 2—3	four, 3—4	one, 4—5	four, 5—10	twelve, 10—15
					three, 15—20	one, 20—35
Chickenpox	...	...	...	...	20—35	one.
Acute Anterior						
Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	...	10—15	one.
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	...	20—35	two.
Catarrhal Hepatitis	...	...	...	...	45—65	one.

## DIPHTHERIA PROPHYLAXIS.

### I. Immunisation in relation to child population.

Number of Children who had completed a full course of Immunisation at any time up to 31st December, 1946.

Age at	1	2	3	4	5-9	10-14	Total
31.12.46 Under	1	1	2	3	4	5-9	10-14
Born in year	1946	1945	1944	1943	1942	1937-1941	1932-1936
No. Immunised	1	20	25	17	28	130	152
Estimated mid-year							
Population 1946			300			464	764

### II. Diphtheria Notifications and deaths in relation to Immunisation

Notifications, Nil.                  Deaths, Nil.



# TUBERCULOSIS.

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-respiratory		Respiratory		Non-respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
15—20	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
35—45	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
45—65	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—
	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	0

One fatal case notified.

In conclusion I have to thank Mr. J. A. Haigh for his kind help in compiling this Report and as this is my last Report, I should like to put on record my great appreciation of the invariable kindness and consideration shown to me by the Ladies and Gentlemen of the Council and their Officers during the past 38 years I have been their Medical Officer of Health.

I am, Miss Harbord and Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

R. C. M. COLVIN-SMITH,

M.B., B.CH., B.A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Fellow of the Society of Medical Officers of Health,  
Medical Officer of Health.

# FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act, 1937.

## 1.—INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

Premises (1)	M/c line No. (2)	Number on Register (3)	Number of			M/c line No. (7)
			Inspections (4)	Written notices (5)	Occupiers prosecuted (6)	
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ... ..	1	28	33	Nil	Nil	1
(ii) Factories not included in (i) to which Section 7 applies						
(a) Subject to the Local Authorities (Transfer of Enforcement) Order, 1938† ... ..	2	2	2	Nil	Nil	2
(b) Others ... ..	3	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	3
(iii) Other Premises under the Act† excluding out-workers' premises) ... ..	4	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	4
TOTAL ... ..		30	35	Nil	Nil	

## 2.—CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars (1)	M/c line No. (2)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of Cases in which prosecutions were instituted (7)	M/c line No. (8)
		Found (3)	Remedied (4)	Referred To H.M.In- spectors (5)	By H.M.In- spectors (6)		
Want of cleanliness (S.1) ...	5	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	5
Overcrowding (S.2) ...	6	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	6
Unreasonable temp'ture (S.3)	7	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	7
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4)	8	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	8
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	9	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	9
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)							
(a) insufficient ... ..	10	Nil	Nil	Nil	2	Nil	10
(b) Unsuitable or defective	11	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	11
(c) Not separate for sexes ...	12	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	12
Other offences (not includ'g offences relating to Homework)	13	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	13
TOTAL ... ..	60	Nil	Nil	Nil	2	Nil	60

† S.R. & O. 1938 No. 488.

‡ i.e. Works of Building and Engineering Construction, Electrical Stations should be reckoned as factories.



